

The Downturn of Colonial Influence in Housing Expression Case Study : Housing in Seruni, Surabaya 1900-2000

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Abstract

Urban Culture in Indonesia has always been in changing. The essential factors in sub-urban settlement was the establishment of communities in an undeveloped land. Primitive housing gave away to permanent and often architecturally interesting structures. Villages grew into towns, and some into cities. Industrialization changed the character of the economy, of cities, and of housing.

Housing in cities is changing. Existing housing is not going to disappear, nor will the ideas that have generated it. Nevertheless, housing in the next twenty years will have somewhat different characteristic. It will in part be produced differently, financed differently, and located in areas not yet developed. Above all, it will shelter individuals and families whose housing needs may differ from those of individuals and families in the past.

Urban is a descriptive label which is used to describe both a particular type of place and a set of distinctive patterns of association, values and behaviour. The concept of urbanism is that of a set of lifestyle which arise in cities and follows from their impact on society.

Lifestyle, as a joint specification of the consumption set and preferences is closely related to the productivity of the economy. The positivist approach says that measures should be defined in term of observables. This is independent of another idea, often encountered in economics, according to which the measure of welfare, and presumably of the standard of living, should be the preferences of the actors themselves.

My argument will take that idea with assumption that it is difficult when preferences are required to bridge large culture, as I call it, "lifestyle" gaps. People are not simply individuals. They live socially and their views, their values, and even their beliefs, as well as their abilities, are formed and sustained within social groupings, families, and communities. Thus this study looked at the changing of housing expression during the age of colonialism and the age after independent.